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NEWS RELEASE

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #13

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: In the Kamishak Bay District, waters of the Chenik and Bruin Bay subdistricts excluding the Kirschner Lake SHA will open to purse seine harvest at 6:00 AM on Saturday, July 6. Commercial harvest is allowed in Chenik Lagoon up to the freshwater of Chenik Creek.

The hard drive was removed from the video monitoring station yesterday (7/2) and showed that from June 24-28 a total of 7,587 sockeye salmon entered Chenik Lake. Prior to this, a total of 77 fish had been counted for a total of 7,664 sockeye salmon as of yesterday. Due to a barrier falls in the upper intertidal, passage is highly restricted except during 16 foot high tides. Tides of this magnitude are anticipated to occur this weekend and continue through next week. An aerial survey of Chenik Lagoon under fair to poor observational conditions yesterday counted a minimum of 8,000 fish.

Chenik Lake has a Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range of 3,500 – 14,000 sockeye salmon with a mid-point of 8,750 fish. Historically on June 28 less than 1% of the final escapement to this system has entered Chenik Lake.

Closed waters in Kamishak Bay as established by emergency order 2-F-H-001-13 on May 1, 2013 are listed below:

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. (a) Salmon may not be taken in any of the waters listed in this section.

(e) Kamishak Bay District

- (1) waters of Cottonwood Bay west of a line from 59° 38.39' N. lat., 153° 39.41' W. long., to 59° 37.68' N. lat., 153° 39.51' W. long.;
- ~~(2) Waters of Chenik Lagoon south and west of 59° 13.42' N. lat., 154° 07.32' W. long.; (rescinded 7/3/2013)~~
- (3) Waters of Iniskin Bay north of a line from 59° 46.05' N. lat., 153° 27.82' W. long., to 59° 46.69' N. lat., 153° 26.01' W. long.;
- (4) Waters of Right Arm in Iniskin Bay east of a line from 59° 43.93' N. lat., 153° 22.83' W. long., To 59° 42.90' N. lat., 153° 22.86' W. long.;
- (5) Waters of Ursus Cove west of a line from 59° 32.43' N. lat., 153° 46.06' W. long., to 59° 31.20' N. lat., 153° 45.74' W. long.;

The next scheduled salmon commercial fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 5.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, escapement data as well as maps are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.